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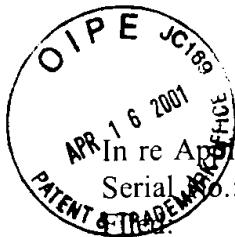
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The citations listed below, copies attached, may be material to the examination of the above-identified application, and are therefore submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application.

The following printed publications are referred to in the body of the specification:

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The following patents and printed publications were not referred to in the body of the specification but are cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,001,645 issued December 14, 1999, which is the parent of this application, and may be material to the examination of the instant application.

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Applicants have become aware of the following printed publications which are not prior art:

- U.S. Patent 6,077,664;
- U.S. Patent 5,980,890;
- U.S. Patent 5,861,295;
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The Applicants have copied claims from U.S. Patent Nos. 5,912,155 and 5,939,301 in order to preserve the right to provoke an interference proceeding. The following patents are related to or are said patents:

- U.S. Patent 5,939,301 to Hughes, Jr. *et al.*;
- U.S. Patent 5,912,155 to Chatterjee *et al.*;
- U.S. Patent 5,948,614 to Chatterjee;
- U.S. Patent 6,015,668 to Hughes *et al.*;

Applicants have become aware of the following printed publications which may be material to the examination of this application:

- U.S. Patent 5,614,365 to Tabor *et al.* describes a modified gene encoding a modified DNA polymerase that is better able than the naturally occurring polymerase to incorporates dideoxy-nucleotides instead of the corresponding deoxynucleotide. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- U.S. Patent 5,624,833 to Gelfand *et al.* describes a purified thermostable enzyme from the eubacterium *Thermotoga maritima*. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;

- U.S. Patent 5,047,342 to Chatterjee describes a recombinant DNA molecule having a structural gene encoding a processive, thioredoxin-independent DNA polymerase, a promoter, and an origin of replication. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- U.S. Patent 5,173,411 to Tabor *et al.* describes a method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA molecule. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- U.S. Patent 5,270,170 to Schatz *et al.* describes a random peptide library constructed by transforming host cells with a collection of recombinant vectors that encode a fusion protein comprised of a DNA binding protein and a random peptide and also encode a binding site for the DNA binding protein can be used to screen for novel ligands. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- U.S. Patent 5,270,179 to Chatterjee describes a recombinant DNA molecule having a full length or truncated T5 DNA polymerase structural gene, each encoding a processive, thioredoxin-independent DNA polymerase. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- EP Patent 351,138 describes methods for DNA sequencing. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- EP Patent 386,859 describes modified DNA polymerases suitable for DNA sequencing and methods of producing the polymerases. This Patent does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments

thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;

- EP publication 516,245 describes methods of DNA sequencing. This Publication does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- PCT Publication WO 90/08839 describes a nucleotide sequencing reaction concentrate comprising a thermostable polymerase. This Publication does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- PCT Publication WO 91/02090 describes a modified Taq polymerase, its manufacture, and its method for use. This Publication does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- PCT Publication WO 91/16446 describes an improved method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA molecule. This Publication does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- PCT Publication WO 93/02212 describes a method for the amplification and sequencing of DNA or RNA. This Publication does not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Jannasch *et al.*, "Thermotoga neapolitana sp. nov. of the Extremely Thermophilic, Eubacterial Genus *Thermotoga*," Archives of Microbiology 150(1):103-104 (1988) describes a second species of the extremely thermophilic, eubacterial genus *Thermotoga* (*Thermotoga neapolitana*) clearly distinguished from the type species *Thermotoga maritima* by physiological and phylogenetic criteria. Jannasch *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a

- purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Astatke, M. *et al.*, "Deoxynucleoside Triphosphate and Pyrophosphate Binding Site in the Catalytically Competent Ternary Complex for the Polymerase Reaction Catalyzed by DNA Polymerase I (Klenow Fragment)," *J. Biol. Chem.* 270(4):1945-1954 (Jan. 1995) describes the use of site-directed mutagenesis to identify those amino acids residues that interact with the deoxynucleoside triphosphate and pyrophosphate in the Klenow fragment-DNA-dNTP ternary complex. Astatke, M. *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Basu, A. and Modak, M.J., "Identification and Amino Acid Sequence of the Deoxynucleoside Triphosphate Binding Site in *Escherichia coli* DNA Polymerase I," *Biochemistry* 26:1704-1709 (1987) describes the inactivation of *E. coli* polymerase I by the covalent attachment of pyridoxal phosphate. Basu and Modak do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Beese, L.S. *et al.*, "Crystal Structures of the Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I Complexed with Deoxynucleosides Triphosphate and Pyrophosphate," *Biochemistry* 32:14095-14101 (1993) describes crystal structures of the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I complexed with dNTPs or pyrophosphate. Beese *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Blanco, L. *et al.*, "Evidence favouring the hypothesis of a conserved 3'-5' exonuclease active site in DNA-dependent DNA polymerases," *Gene* 112:139-144 (1992) describes amino acid alignments of the N-terminal domain of 33 DNA-dependent DNA polymerases encompassing the putative segments ExoI, ExoII and ExoIII. The alignments were used to identify and/or correct some of the most conserved segments in certain DNA polymerases. Blanco *et*

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- Braithwaite, D.K. and Ito, J., "Compilation, alignment, and phylogenetic relationships of DNA polymerases," Nucleic Acids Res. 21(4):787-802 (1993) describes alignments of DNA polymerase sequences to facilitate the identification of conserved and viable regions of the DNA polymerase. Braithwaite and Ito do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
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 - Das, S.K. and Fujimura, R.K., "Processiveness of DNA Polymerases: A Comparative Study Using a Simple Procedure," J. Biol. Chem. 254(4):1227-1232 (1979) describe a procedure for analyzing the processiveness of DNA polymerases. Das and Fujimura do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Delarue, M. *et al.*, "An attempt to unify the structure of polymerases," Prot. Engin. 3(6):461-467 (1990) describes the alignment of the bacteriophage SPO2 polymerase with 5 other polymerase sequences in order to narrow the conserved motifs of the polymerases. Delarue *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;

- Donlin, M.J. and Johnson, K.A., "Mutants Affecting Nucleotide Recognition by T7 DNA Polymerase," *Biochemistry* 33:14908-14917 (Dec. 1994) describes two mutations of the DNA polymerase from bacteriophage T7 that effect nucleotide selection. Donlin and Johnson do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Dunn, J.J. and Studier, F.W., "Complete Nucleotide Sequence of Bacteriophage T7 DNA and the Locations of the T7 Genetic Elements," *J. Mol. Biol.* 166:477-535 (1983) describes the complete nucleotide sequence of bacteriophage T7 DNA. Dunn and Studier do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Freemont, P.S. *et al.*, "A Domain of the Klenow Fragment of Escherichia coli DNA Polymerase I Had Polymerase but No Exonuclease Activity," *Proteins: Struct. Funct. Genet.* 1:66-73 (1986) describes the crystal structure of the Klenow fragment of *E. coli* polymerase I. The crystal structure revealed two domains, one for dNTP binding and the other DNA binding. Freemont *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Fujimura, R.K. and Roop, B.C., "Characterization of DNA Polymerase Induced by Bacteriophage T5 with DNA Containing Single Stranded Breaks," *J. Biol. Chem.* 251(7):2168-2175 (1976) describes the purification and characterization of DNA polymerase induced by bacteriophage T5. Fujimura and Roop do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Fujimura, R.K. *et al.*, "Physical Locus of the DNA Polymerase Gene and Genetic Maps of Bacteriophage T5 Mutants," *J. Virology* 53(2):495-500 (1985) describes the identification of the physical locus of the DNA polymerase gene of bacteriophage T5 by the transformation of *E. coli* with DNA segments

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- Gutman, P.D. and Minton, K.W., "Conserved sites in the 5'-3' exonuclease domain of *Escherichia coli* DNA polymerase," *Nucleic Acids Res.* 21(18):4406-4407 (1993) describe comparison of the *E. coli* Pol I N-terminal regions with three bacterial PolI-like enzymes, allowing for the identification of conserved regions. Gutman and Minton do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Ito, J. and Braithwaite, D.K., "Compilation and alignment of DNA polymerase sequences," *Nucleic Acids Res.* 19(15):4045-4057 (1991) describe the alignment of the amino acid sequences of DNA polymerases and the classification of DNA polymerases into families A, B, and C. Ito and Braithwaite do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
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 - Joyce, C.M., "Can DNA polymerase I (Klenow Fragment) serve as a model for other polymerases?" *Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol.* 1(1):123-129 (1991) reviews recent alignments of the sequences of a large number of polymerases in order to investigate the suitability of Klenow fragment as a model for other polymerases. Joyce *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;

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- Leavitt, M.C. *et al.*, "T5 DNA polymerase: Structural-functional relationships to other DNA polymerases," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:4465-4469 (1989) describe alignments of T5 DNA polymerase with a large group of DNA polymerases. Leavitt *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Ollis, D.L. *et al.*, "Structure of Large fragment of *Escherichia coli* DNA polymerase I complexed with dTMP," *Nature* 313:762-766 (1985) describe the crystal structure of the large proteolytic fragment of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I complexed with deoxythymidine monophosphate. Ollis *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Pandey, V.N. *et al.*, "Role of Lysine 758 of Escherichia coli DNA Polymerase I as Assessed by Site-directed Mutagenesis," *J. Biol. Chem.* 269(18):13259-13265 (May 1994) describe investigation of the role of K758 of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I in the catalytic mechanism. Pandey *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
- Pelletier, H. *et al.*, "Structures of Ternary Complexes of Rat DNA Polymerase β , a DNA Template-Primer, and ddCTP," *Science* 264:1891-1903 (Jun. 1994) describe the crystal structure of ternary complexes between rat DNA polymerase β , DNA template-primer, and ddCTP. Pelletier *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments

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- Polesky, A.H. *et al.*, "Identification of Residues Critical for the Polymerase Activity of the Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I from *Escherichia coli*," J. Biol. Chem. 265(24):14579-14591 (1990) describe site-directed mutagenesis of the putative active site of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I. Polesky *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Prasad, V.R. *et al.*, "Isolation and characterization of a dideoxyguanosine triphosphate-resistant mutant of human immunodeficiency virus reverse transcriptase," Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 88:11363-11367 (1991) describe the isolation and characterization of a drug-resistant mutant of HIV reverse transcriptase. Prasad *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Reha-Krantz, L.J. *et al.*, "Bacteriophage T4 DNA Polymerase Mutations That Confer Sensitivity to the PP_i Analog Phosphonoacetic Acid," J. Virology 67(1):60-66 (1993) describe the identification of mutations that confer sensitivity to the pyrophosphate analog phosphonoacetic acid in bacteriophage T4 DNA polymerase. Reha-Kranz *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
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 - Sawaya, M.R. *et al.*, "Crystal Structure of Rat DNA Polymerase β: Evidence for a Common Polymerase Mechanism," Science 264:1930-1935 (Jun. 1994)

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- Song, Q. *et al.*, "Mutagenesis of the Glu-89 Residue in Human Immuno deficiency Virus Type 1 (HIV-1) and HIV-2 Reverse Transcriptases: Effects on Nucleoside Analog Resistance," *J. Virology* 66(12):7568-7571 (1993) describe mutagenesis of the Glu-89 residue of HIV reverse transcriptases and their effect on resistance to inhibition by dideoxynucleoside analogs. Song *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Sousa, R. *et al.*, "Crystal structure of bacteriophage T7 RNA polymerase at 3.3 Angstrom resolution," *Nature* 364:593-599 (1993) describes the crystal structure of T7 DNA polymerase and discusses the identification of a cleft that can accommodate a double-stranded DNA template. Sousa *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Tabor, S. *et al.*, "Escherichia coli Thioredoxin Confers Processivity on the DNA Polymerase Activity of the Gene 5 Protein of Bacteriophage T7," *J. Biol. Chem.* 262(33):16212-16223 (1987) describe the purification of bacteriophage T7 gene 5 protein and the effect of thioredoxin on its processivity. Tabor *et al.* do not describe a composition comprising a purified DNA polymerase, or fragments thereof, capable of DNA synthetic activity, said polymerase derived from *Thermotoga neapolitana*;
 - Tabor, S. and Richardson, C.C., "Effect of manganese ions on the incorporation of dideoxynucleotides by bacteriophage T7 DNA polymerase and *Escherichia coli* DNA polymerase I," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:4076-4080 (1989) describe the effect of Mn²⁺ and Mg²⁺ on incorporation of dideoxynucleotides by T7 DNA polymerase. Tabor and Richardson do not describe a composition

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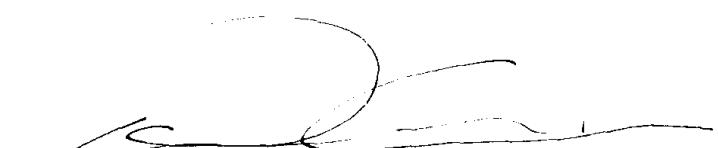
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